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Program Management



Michael Russell
Executive Vice President
H.J. Russell & Company

H.J. Russell & Company of Atlanta was named the housing program manager for the redevelopment of Scott and Carver Homes.

The \$35 million HOPE VI funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will be upgraded to over \$100 million for revitalization that will result in a livable community for the residents.

As program manager of HOPE VI reconstruction plan of Scott and Carver, H.J. Russell will be responsible for the managing phase of the program including resident and community business partnerships, construction management and infrastructure and rehabilitation.



"My home address is 17631 NW 10th Ct". As Ms. Nelson would say, she is home". Her memories of Scott and Carver are just that, memories, of a time when all of life's challenges met her and her family head on. "I lost two of my children in Scott, my old community. Leaving has given me and my grandchildren a breath of fresh air; a reason to want more for myself and for them. Moving is not easy, how-

ever, the rewards are great, My grandchildren are getting adjusted in their new schools and environment, and I am getting adjusted to it too."

Ms. Margaret Nelson resided in Scott and Carver Homes for almost 26 years. Ms. Nelson was one of the first to relocate from the community into her new home in Carol City. She is happy that she overcame the moving anxiety that so many

residents of Scott and Carver have faced. Her goals now are to take advantage of the services available to her and her grandchildren. Her main concern is their future - a future that a few months ago seemed uncertain. "December will be my anniversary, I look forward to the holidays this year," said Margaret Nelson."

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"This project allows us to live our vision of being a catalyst for community and economic development through superior work in real estate and construction," said Michael Russell, executive vice president of H.J. Russell & Company. "We look forward to the transformation of this community."

Diversity Commitment

At Russell, accomplishing and organizing a diverse workforce is more than simply a means of addressing racial and gender concerns. Instead, we feel it creates a meaningful business and a com-

petitive opportunity for Russell. Russell's diversity programs are not intended to restrict or limit competitive bidding or to increase project costs. Instead, we will achieve our diversity vision by strengthening individuals and businesses. We will establish and constantly improve a process of inclusion that works towards our vision and that meets or exceeds all project requirements and goals.

Our commitment to this vision begins at home with our own organization:
"We believe workforce diversity

and equal opportunity are each good business practices that are also socially responsible. Diversity creates a competitive advantage for Russell, just as it does for America as a whole. Our equal opportunity policy strengthens our workforce by ensuring that no talented person will be excluded because of a non-bona fide criteria."



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HOPE VI Task Force Meeting

The HOPE VI Task Force has been meeting to discuss the progress of the HOPE VI project. On September 19th Task Force members met for a bi-monthly meeting. On the agenda was the beautification project and return policy. Changes and updates are being made on the return policy based on projections of residents needs.

■ Master Planning Committee has prepared a demolition package that is approximately 90% completed.

■ The Finance Committee has created numerous opportunities for contractors and sub-contractors to obtain certification to participate in the HOPE VI project. (Chair, Fritz Armand)

■ CSS committee has created a variety of services supporting the residents, so that

when they do come back, if that is what they choose to do, they will be self-sufficient and in some cases have the opportunity to open their own businesses. (Chair, Sharon Sbrissa)

■ Residents are encouraged to visit their relocation office or call their counselors to stay up to date on the changes that are taking place within the HOPE VI program.

Please Note: These meetings are public meetings, but not public hearings. The opportunity to ask questions or make oral statements will be limited to Task Force members ONLY. Questions from non-Task Force members must be submitted in writing and/or communicated to Task Force members prior to the Task Force meetings.

HOPE VI TASK FORCE MEETING SCHEDULE

1401 NW 7th Street
Miami, FL 33125

November 19, 2002
January 8, 2003
March 12, 2003
May 14, 2003
July 9, 2003
September 10, 2003
November 12, 2003

All meetings are usually held on **Wednesdays** from **12:30pm-2:00 pm**. For more information, please call **(305) 762-6607**

Perry Commemorates Labor Day with Radio PSA

Ms. Dorothy Perry, foster parent and Community advocate, joined the crew of WEDR 99 Jam's to commemorate Labor Day and to urge County Housing residents to forge for their dreams of Homeownership.

"Hi, I am Dorothy Perry and I lived in the Scott Homes Community for over 26 years. All my life I've dreamed of one day owning my own home, but that day seemed only a dream. Now I'm living in my own home thanks to the Homeownership programs that are available.

So take advantage of the programs because you don't want to miss out! Think about your children and their future. Let's make a difference in their lives. Let's give them hope for a better tomorrow. Make your dream a reality!"

It takes a village to raise a family and Dorothy Perry is a shining example for all of us. Isn't it time that you make your dream happen?



Communities and Supportive Services

On October 23, 2002, the Community and Supportive Services met to discuss criteria for residents to return to the community as homeowners renters public housing residents. A draft of the return policy was discussed at the Sept. 19 taskforce meeting.

Committee members also met to discuss how service providers contracted w/Hope VI program will work with one

another to ensure that residents receive proper services and identify those that may have and/or require special needs outside of the scope of service that the service providers have been contracted to provide.

(Chairperson, Sharon Sbrissa)

Committee



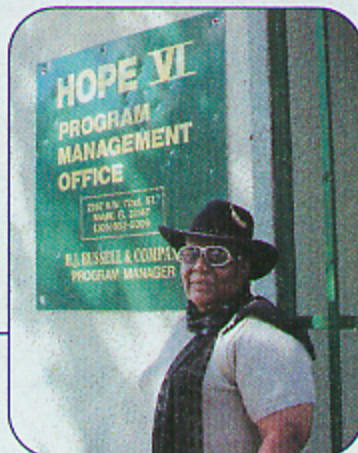
Resident Outreach ACTIVITIES

Resident Outreach meetings are scheduled each Thursday of every month from 6:00pm until 7:00pm at the James. E. Scott Community Center. Resident outreach meetings are held for residents to voice their concerns regarding the HOPE VI project, relocation and case management services provided to them by the program.

Scott & Carver Dec. 23rd at 12 - 4 pm

Winter Wonderland

The Holidays are fast approaching and we need your help! H.J. Russell and Company needs items for seniors and bicycles for youth to be donated for our Holiday Event in the Scott & Carver Community Center. If you would like to participate, Please call (305) 762-6607.



Lottie M. Hines

H.J. RUSSELL AND COMPANY WELCOMES

Lottie Mitchell Hines to the
HOPE VI Program
Management Team.

Ms. Hines will be responsible for coordinating and planning Resident Focus Group Meetings for residents of Scott & Carver. As in the past, the focus group meetings will allow HOPE VI Team, and Service Providers an opportunity to interface with residents and explain some of the services afforded to them by the HOPE VI Program.

Resident Guide to Relocation Services for the HOPE VI PROGRAM

WE'RE HELPING TO BUILD BRIGHTER FUTURES FOR OUR COMMUNITY

The Miami-Dade Housing Agency (MDHA) is engaged in an important transformation of public housing and YOU have the opportunity to be a part of the experience.

● MDHA is revitalizing Scott Homes and Carver Homes under the HOPE VI Revitalization Program

● As part of this process, MDHA will demolish obsolete buildings and create in its place a new mix of public housing and homeownership units

● The new community will offer quality housing choices and opportunities for self-sufficiency and affordable homeownership

For this process to take place, it will be necessary to relocate families temporarily or permanently from Scott Homes and Carver Homes. However, you will have the choice

of deciding where you want to live. You will have several options. You can choose:

- Standard public housing
- Rent-to-own public housing
- Section 8 housing
- Elderly housing or
- Affordable homeownership in the new Scott Homes and Carver Homes developments or in other areas of Miami-Dade County

MDHA is ready to provide residents with a range of services designed to make the transition much easier. These services include group and individualized household relocation counseling on the following topics:

- Relocation options under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program
- Housing Quality Standards (HQS) training for residents to help them shop for the best housing value
- Knowledge of your rights and protections under the Fair Housing Act and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 including the

steps to take in order to voice and register perceived violations

- Affordable homeownership financing opportunities through MDHA's affordable housing programs
- Assistance in searching and renting desirable housing in Miami-Dade County

MDHA will offer a complete range of moving services to ease the transition for residents, such as:

- Transportation of the household furnishings and property to the replacement housing unit up to a distance of 50 miles.
- Assistance in packing, crating, unpacking, and uncrating of personal belongings, if requested in writing by the household.
- Provision of necessary supplies, including moving boxes and packing materials.
- Assistance with disconnecting and disassembling as well as reconnecting and reassembling of major appliances such as air conditioners, washers, and dryers, if necessary, upon written request by the household.

Resident Resource Directory

HOPE VI CONTACTS:

HOPE VI Program Manager Office
2207 NW 72nd Street
Miami, FL 33147
(305) 693-5006
(305) 693-9285 (Fax)

National Housing Group

Relocation Office
7155 NW 22nd Ct.
Miami, FL 33147
(305) 693-0162
(305) 693-7322 (Fax)

Miami Dade Housing Agency

3000 NW 32nd Avenue
Miami, FL 33142
(305) 638-5757
(305) 638-6032 (Fax)

Case Management

Department of Human Services
2500 N.W. 62nd Street
Miami, FL 33147
(305) 638-6353

EDUCATION:

D.A Dorsey Educational Center

7100 NW 17th Avenue
Miami, FL 33147
(305) 693-2490
(305) 691-7492 (Fax)

Lillie C. Evans Elementary

1895 NW 75th Street
Miami, FL 33147
(305) 691-4973
(305) 691-4867 (Fax)

Liberty City Elementary

1855 NW 71st Street
Miami, FL 33147
(305) 691-8532
(305) 693-7842 (Fax)

Poinciana Elementary

6745 NW 23rd Avenue
Miami, FL 33147
(305) 691-5640
(305) 696-8624 (Fax)

JOBS:

South Florida Workforce Northside

7900 NW 27th Avenue
Suite 200
Miami, FL 33147
(305) 693-2060
(305) 693-2071 (Fax)

HEALTH:

Economic Opportunity Family Health Center (EOFHC)

700 South Royal Poinciana Blvd.
Suite 401
Miami Springs, FL 33166
(305) 805-1700
(305) 805-1715 (Fax)

Economic Opportunity Family Health Center (EOFHC)

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